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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Gary Miller Remedial Project Manager U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Superfund Division (6SF-RA) 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

RE: DRAFT UPDATED SCREENING-LEVEL ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT GULFCO MARINE MAINTENANCE SUPERFUND SITE FREEPORT, TEXAS

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your attempts to schedule a meeting to discuss comments on the subject document provided in your December 4, 2009 letter. Per your direction, I am submitting this request to extend the due date for the revised document to January 15, 2010 while we work to find a meeting date that can accommodate everyone's schedule. This requested extension date is based on the assumption that we are able to schedule a meeting on or around January 6, 2010.

As I mentioned in our telephone conversation, we are not waiting for the meeting to proceed with document revisions, but are moving forward with that process in the hope that the meeting discussions can serve to confirm that our revisions sufficiently address the comments provided and/or identify any areas of misunderstanding. As part of that effort and per your approval, we may contact EPA ecological risk assessment personnel directly for clarification on specific comments prior to the meeting if needed.

Thank you again for your response to our meeting and extension requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

PASTOR, BEHLING & WHEELER, LLC

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